

Remarks

Examiner rejected all pending claims under 35 USC 102 over Whitney. Applicant has drafted new claims 17-20 to more particularly point out the difference between the current invention and Whiney. None of the embodiments in Whitney have a grinding mill with a stationary opening and a stationary upper shoulder forming a closure element with a coffee bean container rotating in a circular receiving groove as claimed in new claim 17. Claims 9, and 18-20 depend from claim 17. In the embodiment shown if FIG. 30 of Whitney, the coffee bean container (104) is mounted on a shaft (8). In the other embodiments of Whitney the coffee bean container does not rotate. Therefore the new claim 17 is novel over Whitney and allowable. As the remaining claims all depend from 17, they are also allowable.

If Examiner believes that a telephone interview would further the examination of this case, he is encouraged to call Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to pass this application to allowance.

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